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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the continuation application submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) herewith:

In the claims:

1) Please cancel claims 1-58.

2) Please add new claims 59-95:

59. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an epothilone macrolide.

60. The composition of claim 59, wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

61. The composition of claim 59 or 60, further comprising at least one cytotoxic agent.

62. The composition of claim 61, wherein said at least one cytotoxic agent is an anti-cancer agent.